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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revised collection; Title of Information

Collection: Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)

Competitive Bidding Program; Use: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct competitive bidding programs in which certain suppliers will be awarded contracts to provide competitively bid DMEPOS items to Medicare beneficiaries in a competitive bidding area (CBA). CMS conducted its first round of bidding in 2007 which was implemented on July 1, 2008. The first round of bidding was subsequently delayed by section 154 of the

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA).

As required by MIPPA, CMS conducted the competition for the Round 1 Rebid in 2009. The Round 1 Rebid contract and prices became effective on January 1, 2011. The Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) requires the Secretary to recompete contracts not less often than once every 3 years; therefore, CMS is preparing to recompete competitive bidding contracts in the Round 1 Rebid areas. Form Number: CMS-10169 (OCN: 0938-1016); Frequency: Reporting – Occasionally; Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 16,003; Total Annual Responses: 20,047; Total Annual Hours: 34,795. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact James Cowher at 410-786-1948. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

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2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address:

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